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The specialised courts are misdemeanour courts, commercial courts and administrative courts as courts of first instance, and the High Misdemeanour Court of the Republic of Croatia, the High Commercial Court of the Republic of Croatia and the High Administrative Court of the Croatia as appellate courts.

Different areas of the administration of justice:

Misdemeanour courts - 61 misdemeanour courts were established under the Courts (Areas and Seats) Act. Misdemeanour courts adjudicate in the first instance on offences related to road safety, the economy and public order.

The Act is still in force, but will be repealed on 1 July 2015, when the provisions of the Courts (Areas and Seats) Act (OG 128/14) enter into force.

Commercial courts - there are seven commercial courts in the Republic of Croatia (Zagreb, Split, Rijeka, Osijek, Bjelovar, Varazdin, Zadar) which adjudicate in disputes between companies, rule on motions to establish or close companies, maintain court registers of companies, conduct procedures related to the recognition of foreign court rulings and arbitral awards in respect of commercial disputes, conduct insolvency proceedings and provide international legal assistance in the taking of evidence in commercial matters and other activities.

Administrative courts - there are four administrative courts in the Republic of Croatia, in Zagreb, Split, Rijeka and Osijek. These courts rule on actions against individual decisions of bodies governed by public law, actions taken against the conduct of bodies governed by public law, actions for failure to adopt individual decisions and actions taken against administrative agreements and the execution of administrative agreements.

The High Misdemeanour Court of the Republic of Croatia, the High Commercial Court of the Republic of Croatia and the High Administrative Court of the Republic of Croatia as courts of second instance rule on appeals against decisions of the misdemeanour, commercial and administrative courts in Croatia and have their seats in Zagreb.

Misdemeanour courts

rule in the first instance on minor offences, except where the law provides for misdemeanour proceedings to be conducted by another body, provide international legal assistance in proceedings within their jurisdiction and other activities specified by law.

Misdemeanour courts  (274 Kb) 

Commercial courts

In addition to the jurisdiction provided for by other laws, commercial courts:

act in matters of registration and maintain court registers,

decide on entries in the Register of Ships and Yachts in those matters delegated under the Maritime Code to the jurisdiction of the commercial courts, on the limitation of liability of the ship owners and complaints against the final basis for liquidation of the general average, unless otherwise specified by law for a particular type of case,

decide on applications in connection with the establishment, operation and closure of a company,

decide in non-contentious matters prescribed by the Companies Act,

conduct procedures for the recognition of foreign court rulings, as well as arbitral awards in commercial disputes,

secure evidence for proceedings over which they have jurisdiction,

impose protective measures in proceedings and in relation to proceedings over which they have jurisdiction,

decide on bankruptcy petitions and conduct bankruptcy proceedings,

provide international legal assistance in the taking of evidence in commercial matters,

perform other duties laid down by law.

Commercial courts  (192 Kb) 

Please note that a new network of municipal and commercial courts, consisting of 24 municipal courts and eight commercial courts will be put in place on 1 April 2015. On 1 July 2015 a new network of 22 misdemeanour courts will be put in place. These are governed by the

Courts (Areas and Seats) Act (OG 128/14)

The information given here is currently up-to-date and accurate, but will be changed after 1 April 2015 and 1 July 2015.

Administrative courts

rule on actions against individual decisions of bodies governed by public law,

rule on actions against the actions of bodies governed by public law,

rule on actions for failure to adopt individual decisions and or failure on the part of a body governed by public law to act within a statutory deadline,

rule on actions taken against administrative agreements and the execution of administrative agreements,

rule in other cases prescribed by law.

Administrative courts  (180 Kb) 

The High Misdemeanour Court

rules on appeals against decisions of the misdemeanour courts and state administration bodies adjudicating in first instance misdemeanour proceedings and appeals against the decisions of other authorities where prescribed by a specific law,
resolves conflicts of jurisdiction between misdemeanour courts,
rules on extraordinary legal remedies against final and binding decisions concerning an offence where prescribed by a specific law,
performs other duties laid down by law.

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The High Commercial Court of the Republic of Croatia

rules on appeals against decisions made in the first instance by the commercial courts,
resolves conflicts of territorial jurisdiction between commercial courts and rules on the transfer of jurisdiction between the commercial courts,
performs other duties laid down by law.

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The High Administrative Court of the Republic of Croatia

rules on appeals against judgments of the administrative courts and appealable decisions,
rules on the legality of general acts,
rules on conflicts of jurisdiction between administrative courts,
rules in other cases prescribed by law.

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